

REMARKS

Claims 17 – 24 remain in the application. Claim 17 – 22 and 24 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments noted is respectfully requested.

Claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of --a terminal for maintenance operation of an object system or device at work sites comprises an authentication recording medium read/write device--. Support for these limitations can be found in FIG. 1 (see reference numeral 7). Claim 17 has also been amended to include the limitations that --the system for maintaining qualification of an operator uses an authentication recording medium to carry out a maintenance operation of object system or device at work sites by the medium being inserted into the authentication recording medium read/write device for terminal for maintenance operation--. Support for these limitations can be found in paragraphs [0013] and [0020] – [0022] of the specification. Claim 17 has also been amended to include the limitations that the system for maintaining qualification of an operator --is connected to the data management server via the mobile terminal and communication network and connected to the PC for education via a local area network for sending or receiving data--. Support for these limitations can be found in FIG. 1 of the drawings (see reference numerals 2 – 6).

In the Office Action, claims 17 – 22 and 24 were objected to because of certain informalities. In accordance with the comments and suggestions of the Office Action, the claims have been amended as follows.

With respect to claim 17, “readable/writable skill authenticable data” has been amended to read --readable/writable skill authentication data--, “the uploaded data” has been amended to read --uploaded data--, and “the determination” has been amended to read --a determination--.

With respect to claim 18, “operation authority for system or device to be managed/maintained” has been amended to read --operation authority for an object system or device to be managed/maintained at a work site--.